A HUGE Thank You to all the Auxiliary members who turned out for the National Presidents Visit in Pierre September 23 to 24. What an enjoyable visit we all had with her. As you know, Lois flew into Rapid City and I drove her to Pierre. She had never been to this part of South Dakota and was suitable impressed by the hospitality and landscapes. She described the Badlands as "other worldly". We can all be proud of our state and the fine work you are all doing each and every day.

Once again, I will remind you that the Fall Council Meeting is coming up October 3 and 4 in Sioux Falls.

Remember, you do NOT have to pay a registration fee to attend the meetings. However, if you do not register, there is no provision for you to eat lunch with the group and the banquet price will be \$40.

The Commander and President joint project is a food drive that ties into my President's project to provide food security for the Rapid City Veterans Outreach Center so please bring non-perishable food items or cash donation to help with this project.

I have started my official visits to District meetings. Please bring your food donations to those meetings, if you have not already donated. While it is appreciated, I DO NOT expect you to donate every time you come to a District or Department meeting.

My email was recently hacked and a message sent out asking for gift cards to be purchased and sent to the party. This is a SCAM, so don't fall for it. No officer of the South Dakota VFW Auxiliary will ever contact you in this manner and ask for gift cards or other monetary considerations to be sent to them.

The website is up and has been updated for the 2025-2026 year. Please take a moment and check out our website at vfwauxsd.org to see General orders, forms, and program information. If you find a problem with a broken link, missing information, etc., please notify Kim Vennard, Amanda S

I want to give you something from the Bylaws, Booklet of Instruction or Ritual book to think about each month. These questions are randomly taken from the book and are not meant to be addressed to any specific auxiliary.

The question is: How does an officer resign?

Answer: Per Bylaws Page 67. A. All resignations of Officers should be in writing and sent to the President and Secretary of the body from which the Officer is resigning. 1. If the Secretary is resigning, the resignation shall be sent to the President of the body from which they are resigning. 2. Resignations are effective when issued. 3. Verbal resignations are binding.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sue Jones, Department President